

In the Court of Appeals of the State of Alaska

Brian Hall,

Appellant,

v.

State of Alaska,

Appellee.

Court of Appeals No. **A-13794**

Order

Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and for
Appointment of Public Counsel

Date of Order: **2/1/2021**

Trial Court Case No. **3AN-14-09493CI**

The Appellant, Brian Hall, is currently represented by a privately retained attorney, Cynthia L. Strout. Ms. Strout has filed a motion asking this Court to remand this case for a representation hearing. She explains that Mr. Hall currently cannot afford the services of private counsel, and she believes he will qualify for public representation.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The motion for a representation hearing is **GRANTED**. This case is remanded to the superior court for a hearing to determine if Mr. Hall is eligible for the assistance of counsel at public expense.

2. If the superior court finds that Mr. Hall is eligible for the assistance of counsel at public expense, the superior court shall make an appropriate appointment and shall direct the new attorney to promptly file an entry of appearance in this Court.

3. If the superior court concludes that Mr. Hall is not eligible for the appointment of counsel at public expense, the superior court shall notify this Court of this finding.

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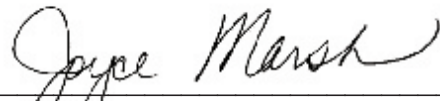
4. The superior court's report on this matter shall be provided to this Court on or before February 22, 2021. Upon notice to this Court, this deadline can be extended by the superior court for good cause.

5. In remanding this case, this Court acknowledges that under the current limitations imposed because of the COVID-19 public health crisis, this hearing should be done telephonically if possible. If the hearing cannot be done telephonically, then the superior court shall inform this Court of this circumstance as soon as possible.

6. Ms. Strout will continue to be the attorney of record in this case until the matter of Mr. Hall's representation is resolved and a superceding entry of appearance is filed by new counsel.

Entered under the authority of Chief Judge Allard.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joyce Marsh", written over a horizontal line.

Joyce Marsh, Deputy Clerk

cc: Judge Zeman
Trial Court Clerk
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